GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:669
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FOODGRAINS FOR RELIEF PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have submitted their requirements for wheat and rice for drought and flood relief;

(b) if so, the quantity of wheat and rice demanded by the State Governments alongwith the quantity sanctioned by Central Government to respective States during each of the last three years, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal for adopting new criteria for the distribution of foodgrains to the needy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : For the drought of 2001-02, foodgrains were allocated with regard to the requirements projected by the respective States. For drought 2002-03, States were categorized under Category `A` (mildly affected) and Category `B` (severely affected) while Rajasthan was kept under Special Category. Allocation of foodgrains for Category `A` States were based on provision of employment to one person from 20% of rural BPL households at wage component of 5 kg per person per day for 10 days a month. For Category `B` States, the coverage was 50% of rural BPL households at the same conditions. Being the worst affected, the conditions for Rajasthan were further relaxed and foodgrains were allocated on a liberalized scale (Coverage of one person from 100% rural BPL families and one person from needy APL families also).

For 2003-04 drought, allocation upto January, 2004 were based on the above criteria. For the period February to June 2004, allocations for areas affected by drought for third year, the ceiling was enhanced to 75% of rural BPL households.

State-wise details of foodgrains demanded and allocated for the droughts of 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are at Annexure-I.

The above criteria are subject to further review from time to time.

According to Ministry of Home affairs, foodgrains have been allocated to the flood affected States taking into account the requirements projected by the States from time to time. State-wise details of foodgrains allocated during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 for Floods is at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 669 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.7.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Allocation of foodgrains for drought of 2001-02 to 2003-04. (Lakh MTs)

S.No	State		Drought of 2001-02		Drought of 2002-03		Drought of 2003-04	
			Demand	Allocation	Demand	Allocation	Demand	Allocation
1	Andhra Pradesh	#	31.50	25.00	17.20	15.00	7.82	
2	Chattisgarh	-	-		12.00	4.74	-	-
3	Gujrat	-	-		3.06	3.06	-	-
4	Haryana	-	-		9.72	0.25	-	-
5	Himachal Pradesh	-	-		0.19	0.10	-	-
6	Jharkhand	-	-		@	0.40	-	-
7	Karnataka	#	1.00		11.09	7.20	15.61	7.29
8	Kerala	-	-		1.00	0.52	2.00	0.61
9	Madhya Pradesh	#	0.80		8.50	7.80	-	-
10	Maharashtra	#	1.00		2.32	2.32	6.00	7.00

11 Orissa	-	-	12.19	4.22	-	-
12 Rajasthan	-	-	56.00	32.56	0.22	0.14
13 Tamil Nadu	-	-	9.00	5.00	10.80	3.04
14 Uttranchal	-	-	@	0.50	-	-
15 Uttar Pradesh.	-	-	20.00	2.00	-	-

Taking into account requirements projected by the States, from time to time.
@ On recommendations of the Central Team.

NB: A drought period is taken to start from August of one year to July of the next year

ANNEXURE-II

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Allocation of Foodgrains to States during 2001-02 to 2003-04 for Floods

(lakh MTs)

S.No.	State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	-	0.25
2.	Assam	-	-	0.50
3.	Bihar	1.00	-	-
4.	Chattisgarh	-	-	-
5.	Kerala	0.05	-	-
6.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	0.04
7	Orissa	1.00	2.00	3.00